

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-15 were rejected and claims 16-20 were allowed. By entry of this amendment, claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 21-30 have been added. Consequently, claims 16-30 remain pending.

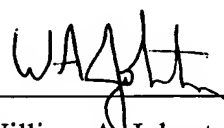
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,549,106 to Gruenke et al. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer. Consequently, this rejection is now moot.

Applicants' undersigned representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 16-20 are allowable over the prior art of record. New claims 21-30 have been added and are respectfully submitted to be allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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